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For: CONSTITUENCY VALUE EXCHANGE  
OPTIMIZATION METHOD

### AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents  
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### INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

As an initial matter, the Applicant thanks Examiner Cang Thai for the Office Action dated March 22, 2006 (the "Office Action"). The Applicant's response to the Office Action is as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are provided on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

No amendments are being made to the **Figures, Specification** and **Abstract** of the Application.